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Application No.

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to communications filed 10/01/03, 02/20/04, 04/23/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-41.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 01 October 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

the prior art (e.g. Garrett et al - USP 6,049,842; Calhoun et al. - USP 6,529,945; Yu et al. - USP 6,070,194; O'Toole et al. - USP 5,828,901), individually or in combination, does not teach a control status block in the shared memory, the control status block comprising an incoming data status pointer indicating a location of an incoming data status entry in the incoming data status ring, wherein the incoming data status pointer indicates a number of incoming data buffers from which the host can read incoming data.

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an incoming data status entry in the incoming data status ring, and updating the incoming data status pointer to indicate a number of incoming data buffers from which the host can read incoming data.

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Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tanh Quang Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-4154 and whose e-mail address is tanh.nguyen36@uspto.gov. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dov Popovici, can be reached on (571) 272-4083. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306 for After Final, Official, and Customer Services, or (571) 273-4154 for Draft to the Examiner (please label "PROPOSED" or "DRAFT").

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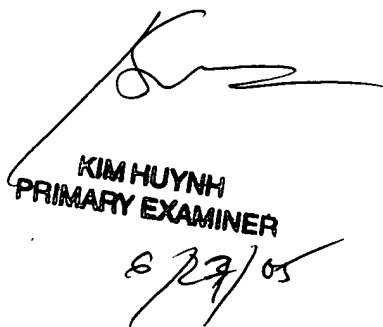
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